

## BELLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bellerby Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
February 2013 at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

A full Council was present together with the clerk and Lynn Watkinson who had come along to find out what the clerk's job was about with a view to taking over the role when the current clerk resigns after the Annual Meeting in May 2013.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

None

#### 2. Declarations of interest

Cllrs Hutchinson, Weedon and Rycroft declared personal interests in agenda item number 9 as Cllrs Hutchinson and Weedon are members of the Flood Group and Cllrs Weedon's and Rycroft's homes had recently been flooded.

#### 3. Public speaking and question time (limited to 10 minutes)

None

#### 4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting

All present agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed them.

#### 5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

The clerk said she would chase the Flood Risk Management team at North Yorkshire County Council again.

#### 6. Correspondence

The Rotary Club had asked the village to take part in this year's Best Kept Village Competition. Cllrs asked the clerk to confirm their acceptance.

RCVS had sent their latest newsletter.

#### 7. Planning - to include parking issues at the Methodist Chapel, Moor Road

Listed planning consent for alterations and refurbishment at The Old Hall had been granted and permission for a front conservatory at Swallows Barn had been refused.

Fred Wild had responded to Highways regarding the proposed parking at the Methodist Chapel. Nothing had been resolved yet.

#### 8. Authority to pay

Memorial Hall	£ 9.90	Hall hire
J Hutchinson	£339.84	refund for purchase of trees

#### 9. Flooding relief group report and report from meeting with MOD

Representatives from Landmarc and the Wathgill Commandant had met with Cllrs Hutchinson and Rycroft. A date is to be arranged when all parties can walk the watercourse up from Bellerby to the ranges to see if the problem can be found.

#### 10. To consider grass cutting quotes for 2013 and to discuss the condition of the Village Greens

After discussing the two quotes received, Cllrs agreed to appoint Anthony Goulthorpe to carry out the grass cutting in 2013.

Cllr Weedon reported that the greens were in a dreadful state after the winter and that delivery drivers had been making a mess. Cllr Weedon had spoken to District Cllr Amsden who had said there was grant funding available. It would help alleviate the greens problem if they were properly edged, but Cllrs were unsure of the criteria for this grant funding. Cllr Weedon will investigate.

#### 11. To report back from the recent memorial Hall meeting

Cllrs needed to re-elect a representative to the Hall committee. Cllr John Hutchinson was re-elected unanimously.

Cllr Hutchinson reported that changes to the governing document of the Hall had been Proposed as apparently the 1931 document had some anomalies in it as the law has changed over the years. This could affect the Parish Council as serving Cllrs were trustees to the Memorial Hall.

The clerk is to contact the solicitor and request a look at the deeds of the Hall.

#### 12. Request from a member of the Parish to look into ownership of the plantation at Church View and associated spoil tipping

The clerk was asked if the plantation was Parish Council common land. She replied that it definitely isn't. Cllr Hutchinson will reply with this information.

#### 13. Planting of trees

11 Magnolia trees have been ordered at a cost of £339.84 Rabbit guards and compost will also have to be purchased for each tree.

#### 14. Update on the footpath to Leyburn

Aiden Rayner has met with Mr and Mrs Sunter with a positive result to the footpath

crossing their land as long as the wall is moved and the footpath is entirely outwith the wall. Highways have said that they are happy with this. Hopefully there will still be funding available and this will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting at County Hall.

#### 15. Exchange of ideas

Cllr Weedon asked Lynn Watkinson if, having sat through the meeting, she may be interested in taking on the clerk's job. She said she may and will meet with the clerk at her home to find out more about the job.

#### 16. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in the Memorial Hall.